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limit means supported by the actuator for limiting deflection of the disc in response to application of a non-operational shock to the disc drive.

Remarks

The parent Application No. 09/114,956 was filed July 13, 1998 with original claims 1-17. The parent Application is a divisional of Application No. 08/659,338 filed June 6, 1996, issued Patent No. 5,801,899. A Preliminary Amendment was filed July 13, 1998 cancelling claims 1-17 and adding claims 18-24. A first Office Action was mailed November 12, 1998 rejecting claims 18-24. In a response filed February 12, 1999, the Applicant amended claims 18, 21, 24. A final Office Action was mailed April 12, 1999 finally rejecting claims 18-24. In an Amendment in Response to Final Office Action filed June 11, 1999, the Applicant cancelled claim 24. An Advisory Action was mailed June 21, 1999 granting a request for reconsideration.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 12, 1999 and Appellant's Brief was filed before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 12, 1999. In response to Appellant's Brief, a Notice of Allowability was mailed December 28, 1999. An accompanying Examiner's Comment/Amendment clarified that claim 24 has been cancelled in its entirety. This continuation application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) has now been filed to continue prosecution of the subject matter of claim 24, which has now been added as claim 18.

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With the entering of these amendments, the claim now pending is as follows:

Claim

18. (New)

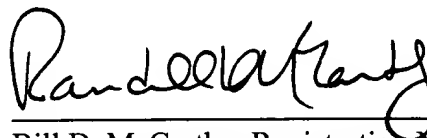
Status

Independent

The Applicant request examination and a favorable indication of allowability of this claim. Should any questions arise concerning this continuation application, the examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney.

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